direct foreign investment of Rs. 1500 crore; and

(b) if so, the broad features of these projects indicating sector-wise investment and the foreign firms involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Empowered Committee on Foreign Investment at their meeting held on 3rd April, 1995 have approved 70 proposals envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 562.17 crores.

(b) A list of the proposals approved indicating the sa__ of the Indian company, name of the foreign company, item of manufacture and amount of foreign investment approved is laid on the Table of the House.
(See Appendix 173, annexure no 186).

Advisors on Technology Missions

8133. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many advisors are there on technology missions;

(b) the number of days each one of them was in India and abroad with details thereof;

(c) whether any permission was granted to any one of them to undertake private business abroad;

(d) if so, whether the practice of individuals engaged in private business being appointed as advisors to the Prime Minister on technology mission come into conflict with their individual priorities and motives and the interests of the sovereign nation; and

(e) whether Government will subject this entire matter for proper analysis and formulate a comprehensive approach in appointing advisors to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) One, Shri S. G. Pitroda.

(b) He has not so far been deputed abroad on Government expense;

(c) No permission has either been requested or granted.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Such appointments, whenever required, are made by the Government after a careful examination of all aspects with special reference to the specific job requirements.

Recruitment of Stenographers in Directorate General of Security

8134. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate General of Security, SSB East Block, R. K. Puram, New Delhi recently conducted an examination for the recruitmet of Stenographers Grade-III;

(b) if so, how many candidates have qualified the test and included in the merit list;

(c) whether all the qualified candidates have been appointed so far by the authorities;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the remaining candidates are likely to be appointed and the reasons for delay in appointing the qualified candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTERS OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The Directorate General of Security conducted a competitive Examination on 28-5-1994 for the recruitment of Stenographers Gr. III.

(b) 29 candidates qualified in this test and all of them have been included in the merit list.

(c) to (e) From the list of qualified candidates, five have so far been appointed as Stenographers. Ten other candidates have been sent offers of appointment and are expected to join shortly. The remaining 14 candidates will be given the offer of appointment on the completion of the requisite administrative formalities, which are in progress.

Allotment of Departmental Accommodation in DAE

8135. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employe es of the Department of Atomic Energy planned and observed a day's dharna recently in front of the office of the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission at Bombay in protest against the arbitrary, unilateral and illegal amendment to the allotment rules for departmental accommodation;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to avert this situation and to concede to the reasonable demands of the employees of the Department of Atomic Energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) On 19.4.95 some employees of the Department of Atomic Energy organised one day dharna in front of Department of Atomic Energy Secretariat at Bombay from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. which was peaceful. The main demand was withdrawal of the Office Memorandum which was issued by the Department of Atomic Energy on 29.3.1995 amending certain provisions of existing Allotment of Government Residences (DAE) Bombay Rules, 1982.

(b) and (c) The office memoranda dated 29.3.95 and 10.4.95 amending existing provisions of Allotment of government Residences (DAE) Bombay Rules, 1982 issued by the Department of Atomic Energy were put on a temporary hold and the various Associations/Unions have been requested to furnish their comments by 31.5.1995.

Uranium Processing in Meghalaya

8136. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 588 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uranium including Thorium-234 found at three different locations in Meghalaya is being processed to produce sizeable quantity of yellow cake;

(b) whether in view of the large and valuable deposits of Uranium in Meghalaya, Government would formulate a time bound scheme for its proper exploitation with the involvement of Uranium Corporation of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate security to the Mining operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir. Presently, no processing for uranium and thorium is being carried out in Meghalaya.

(b) and (c) The Uranium Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy has been entrusted with the responsibility of preparing a Detailed Project Report for the setting up of a project for the mining and milling of uranium ore in the Domiasiat area of Meghalaya.

(d) Security arrangements have been tightened. It is not in the public interest to reveal the details of the arrangements.